

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4186
ANSWERED ON:18.05.2006
RAIL FREIGHT CORRIDOR
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have received any request from the Chief Minister of West Bengal for setting up of rail freight corridor from Delhi to Kolkata;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Railways thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): A request has been received for extending the Freight Corridor to Howrah.
- (c): In view of the representation from the Government of West Bengal and also considering the possibility of increase in freight traffic on account of proposed deep sea port, it has been decided to extend Eastern Corridor to this proposed port in Kolkata area.